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Intoxicants cause of Friday hayride accidents

From Staff Reports

Intoxicants were a factor in three early morning Saturday accidents which injured more than a dozen MTSU fraternity and sorority members and one Murfreesboro police officer, authorities said.

The three accidents involved MTSU students on hayrides. One, which involved another vehicle, took place on state Route 96 (Lascassas Pike) at the intersection with Twin Oaks Drive.

A pick-up truck, whose driver was charged with driving under the influence, rammed the rear end of a trailer carrying more than a dozen for the hayride, according to a story in *The Daily News Journal* Sunday. The participants were members of Pi Kappa Alpha (Pike) fraternity and guests.

Ward, who is an MTSU graduate, Pike member and the police officer participating in the hayride.

A truck that had been following the trailer with flashers on, left just before the accident, Ward said.

"We had just turned around and headed back toward town and didn't even realize that the truck was not behind us," he said.

"All I remember is my girlfriend and I sitting in the back of the wagon with another couple," Ward said. "The next thing I knew, I was upside down, flying through the air. I woke up on my back in the ambulance."

"Something like this [the accident] happens every year. When are they going to learn that if you are gonna take these hayrides to make sure the trailers are properly lit,"

Tennessee Highway Patrolman Johnny Gossett said, according to the DNJ.

"The driver of the truck was charged with driving under the influence and a passenger was charged with public drunkenness. It took me four hours to work this accident," Gossett said.

"I began working the accident at 1:30 a.m. I got through at 5 a.m. It involved intoxicants and using unlit trailers on highly used roads...all three factors are highly inadvisable and we are fortunate no one was killed," he said.

According to the DNJ, Sheriff's Detective Sgt. Matthew Royal reported two other hayride related accidents at 11:20 p.m. Friday along at the Interstate 24 overpass on Elam

Please see Hayride page 2



Michael Johnson*Staff

Alcoholic consumption at games continues despite policy. Please see related spread on pages 4 and 5.

Recovering student saved from blackouts, strange beds

By TARI STEJSKAL
Special to Sidelines

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the third in a series of articles dealing with alcohol and drug use by students. Alcohol Awareness Week will be celebrated by MTSU Oct. 30-Nov. 4.

Missy (not her real name) came from a "very nice home." She spent all of her life in the small town of Sewanee before she came to MTSU in fall 1982.

Missy was 18 then, and she did everything by the book — at first, anyway. She joined a sorority, the university's gold pass into the dating and party life. And she loved it; she lived for it. Until the drinking caught up with her and eventually became a compulsion.

She started out drinking only at the parties, and soon she found herself drinking before the parties so that she'd be "good and lit" when the parties started.

"At first, I didn't have any idea how far out of hand my drinking had gotten," Missy said. "My sorority sisters used to confront me about it, but I didn't take their warnings seriously, until I could no longer deny that I had a problem."

She said she began blacking out every time she drank and "almost always woke up in strange beds with strange people morning after morning."

"I got the worst reputation around campus before too long," she said. "Most of the guys at MTSU knew me as, or called me, a 'drunken slut.'"

Not knowing that alcohol was her primary problem, she spent an entire year "hiding" at MTSU after she had been shunned by her sorority sisters.

"I was so miserable," she said. "Day after day, I'd vow to stop drinking and then when I thought that I had it under control, I'd let myself go to a public place — a party or a bar — and I'd make a fool out of myself again."

Finally, she decided to stay in her apartment and drink herself into a constant oblivion.

"I didn't talk to anyone, and I quit going to classes," she said. "All I wanted to do was drink myself to death."

Her blackouts were even more frequent then.

"During one of my blackouts, I made a call to my sister who lives in Nashville," she said. "I told her how everything was becoming impossible to handle, and I told her that I hated myself because I couldn't figure out what was wrong with me — I thought I was psychotic."

Missy's sister came to Murfreesboro and "nursed" her sober. After "a couple of days of feeling like hell," she was able to look for help. She called a friend whose father had been treated for alcoholism. Her friend recommended that Missy check herself into a treatment program in Plymouth, Minn.

"After everything had been arranged with school, my job and my family, I left for Minnesota," Missy said. "I wasn't sure what to expect, but once I got there, I knew I was where I needed to be...I needed help."

She stayed for the 30-day program and then returned to MTSU.

"A lot of people told me that I shouldn't jump right back into my old drinking environment," the 26-year-old finance major said. "But I knew that I wanted to finish school, and I knew that as long as keeping sober remained my number one priority, I'd be okay."

Homecoming 1988 round-up

Overall Spirit:

- Fraternity**
 3rd — Sigma Phi Epsilon
 2nd — Beta Theta Pi
 1st — Kappa Sigma

Sorority

- 3rd — Alpha Delta Pi
 3rd — Alpha Omega Pi
 2nd — Kappa Delta
 1st — Chi Omega

In the overall Spirit Award, Kappa Sigma and Chi-Omega tied for first place.

Float Competition

Open Division

- 3rd — Student Families in Action
 2nd — Omega Phi Alpha
 1st — Phi Mu Alpha and Delta Omicron

Please see Sports for the results from Activities Day.

Greek:

- 3rd — Sigma Phi Epsilon and Chi Omega
 2nd — Pi Kappa Alpha and Alpha Delta Pi
 1st — Kappa Sigma and Kappa Delta

Chili Cook-Off

- 1st — Miller Lowry Insurance
 2nd — Campus Pub
 3rd — Sigma Chi

Sauerkraut

- 1st — Jimmy Gannoway, Kappa Epsilon
 2nd — Stephanie Heath, Chi Omega

Window Decoration

Fraternity

- 1st — Beta Theta Pi
 2nd — Sigma Phi Epsilon
 3rd — Kappa Alpha Order
 4th — Pi Kappa Alpha
 5th — Delta Tau Delta

Male Residence Hall

- 1st — Gore Hall
 2nd — Deere Hall
 3rd — Nicks Hall
 4th — Clement Hall
 5th — Sims Hall

Sorority

- 1st — Delta Zeta
 2nd — Alpha Omicron Pi
 3rd — Alpha Delta Pi
 4th — Chi Omega
 5th — Kappa Delta

Female Residence Hall

- 1st — Wood Hall
 2nd — High Rise West
 3rd — Cummings Hall
 4th — Shardt Hall
 5th — Felder Hall

Open/Independent

- 1st — Phi Mu Alpha and Delta Omicron
 2nd — Baptist Student Union
 3rd — Wesley Foundation

Hayride from page 1

Road

Two students were injured when they fell off hayride wagons. Royal identified the two victims as Marvin Holloway and James H. Ewell, both members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

The accident involving Ewell occurred on Elam Road, according to the DNJ. After Royal arrived at the scene, Holloway fell and was hurt.

Students admitted to Middle Tennessee Medical Center after the Lascassass Pike accident included Thomas Wade Patton and Michael Parker.

A spokesperson for MTMC said Parker was discharged Sunday with a fractured tibia.

Wade is still hospitalized in stable condition with a fractured patella.

Murfreesboro police officer Ward, "along with the following students, Elizabeth Teer, 20, Shanda Germany, 21, Mark Snider, 21, Elizabeth Gable, 21, Kathy Mansfield, 19, Bill Adkisson, 24, Tricia Hammer, 19, and Lynn Gillard, 20, were treated and released following the collision with

the pickup truck," according to the DNJ.

"Occupants of the truck who were treated and released for injuries were identified as Denise Waldon and John Waldon. Ages and addresses were no available."

Earlier on the night of the accidents, the Pikes dumped garbage as well as themselves on the lot at the Raider Exxon on Mercury Blvd.

"Three or four [Pikes] passed out on the ground," Jim Barrett, part-time worker at Exxon, said. "They were still there at closing at 12 a.m."

Barrett said that float material was all over the lot. He said it had thrown off and had fallen off the float.

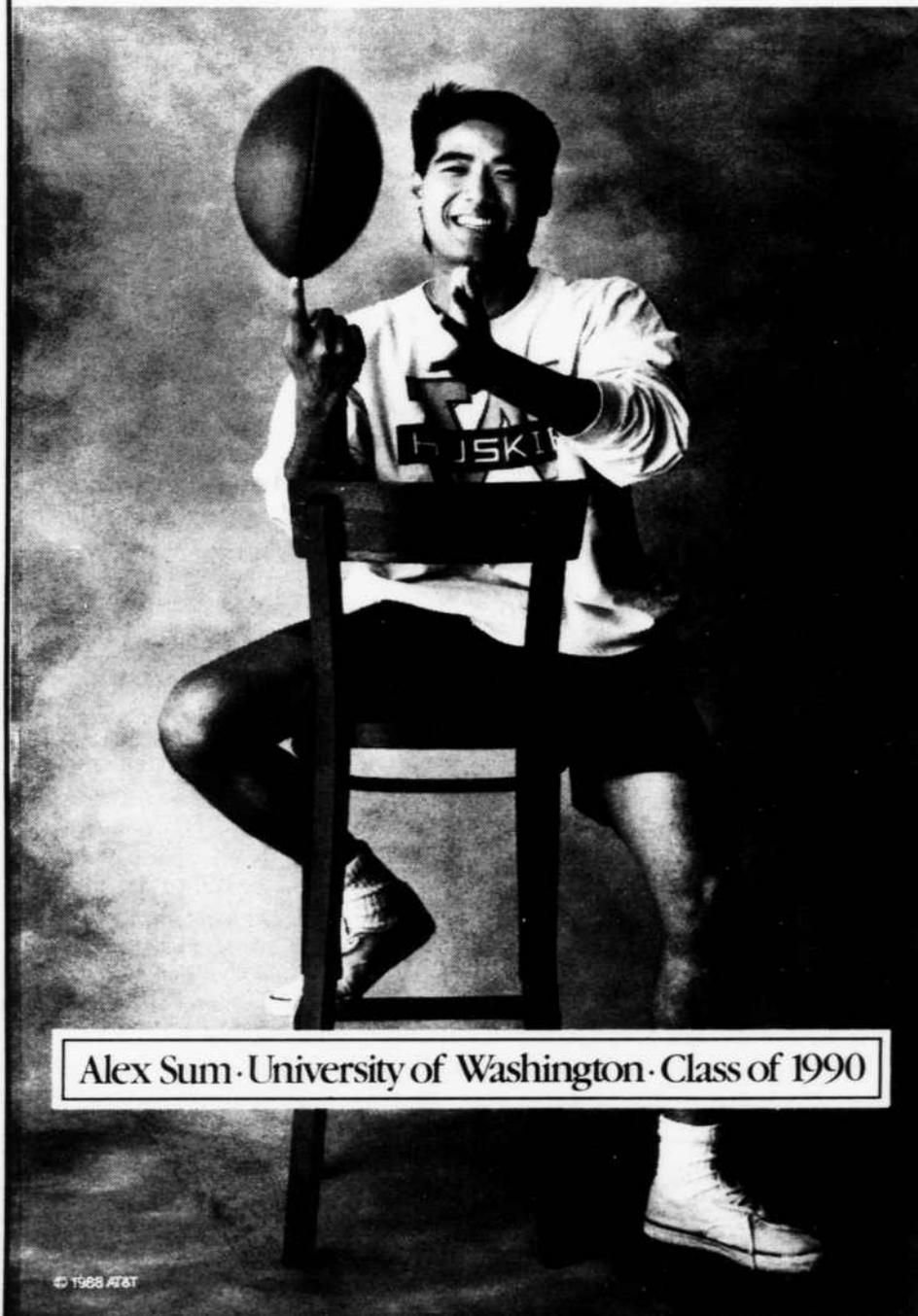
"This happens every year," he said.

There was hay, float material and "some kind of animal legs" thrown all over the property, according to Steve Potts, owner of the service station.

Potts said the Pikes went to the service station on Saturday morning and cleaned some, not all, of the mess up.

The incident at the gas station occurred at around 11 p.m. and the wreck occurred about 1:30 a.m.

"I wasn't rubbing it in—I just wanted Eddie to know the score of last night's game."



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Hunger not a problem in the streets

By Jim Ridley
Staff Writer

"Hunger is not a problem in the streets," controversial MTSU sociology professor Dan McMurry told an Honors Lecture Series audience Thursday.

McMurry, who has lived as a "streetnik" in Nashville and traveled the country researching hunger and homelessness, said that the country researching hunger and homelessness, said that the media have "sadly misinformed" people about the plight of the homeless.

"If anyone is starving, it is because of a cruel society that gives people the freedom to sleep on the street," McMurry said.

As a street person in Nashville, McMurry said he gained four pounds in three days because he had nothing to do but eat.

"I saw more wasted food there than anything," he said.

Crossing the country last January, McMurry said he visited allegedly the "hungeriest county in America," Nevada's Eureka County,

and found no evidence of starvation there.

McMurry said that common misconceptions about the homeless are that they are "victims of an uncaring

professor" who cuts the legs off a frog in an experiment and assumes the frog cannot jump because it is deaf.

"Well, this is a false diagnosis," McMurry said.



Dan McMurry

society" who have "unlimited options."

"Proper diagnosis precedes effective therapy," McMurry said, illustrating his point with a joke about "a Vanderbilt psychology

"The frog ain't deaf."

McMurry said that the "cataclysmic" causes of homelessness are changes in the family structure, "deinstitutionalization" of the mentally ill and de-

criminalization of public drunkenness.

"The main cause of the explosion in homeless people is fractured relationships because of divorce

John who, though severely beaten, refused help from Travelers' Aid because his family would not answer questions from the organization.

McMurry said that he has two qualifications for studying the homeless: he is a "trained social scientist" and a recovering alcoholic.

"The people I studied were not exotic strangers, or awesome folks," McMurry said, because he himself is "the ninth child and last son of a town drunk" who died when he was young.

McMurry said that the first and most urgent thing to be done for the homeless is to "begin care for those too ill to care for them-

selves."

The next step is to treat homeless alcoholics, forcibly if necessary, McMurry said, because he "knows from personal experience that denial is a symptom."

The final step, McMurry said, is to train homeless people for the work force with adult literacy programs and job training programs.

McMurry concluded by cautioning the audience against government programs that will "allow people to avoid facing their problems."

"People learn from the television that the homeless need food and shelter," McMurry said.

Helen Comer Staff

and the unpopularity of marriage," McMurry said.

McMurry stated that people are becoming homeless because their families have "splintered." He told of a man named

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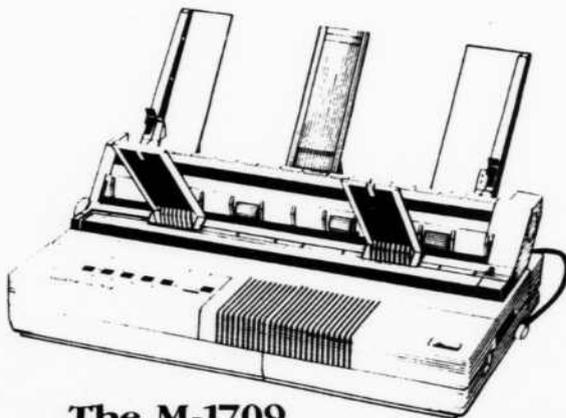
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Team Spirits



Fans showed up by the thousands to attend Saturday's homecoming game and festivities.



Robert Rose, senior advertising major, stands and hollers in support for the Blue Raiders on opening night this season.

And the spirit of the law

By Bobby Ohs and Michael Johnson
Special to Sidelines Staff Photographer

Crisp air, the marching band, and a surge of excitement as a blanket and sweaters can't muffle are some of the traditional pleasures we relish about a Blue Raider football game.

"Football in the fall, in Tennessee, is Americana," John Stanford, MTSU athletic director, said.

Most fans, which at home games have averaged 9,000 this year, would probably agree. But to any observant nose or eye, there is another element ever present in the stands. Plenty of alcohol.

Does Stanford think alcohol is part of the "Americana"? "No. I'm not aware of it. Beer and football on the college

level is not Americana," he said. Stanford also said he usually sits on the east side of the field and hasn't been in the student section for several years.

But beer, mixed drinks and wine coolers are commonplace at Raider football games, despite a State Board of Regents policy prohibiting alcohol on university property. Members of *Sidelines*' staff have observed fans at parking lot tailgate parties and in many bleacher sections consuming — in some cases, discreetly — a variety of alcoholic beverages. Liters of vodka and bourbon are the most common, but some fans also tuck sampler bottles, wineskins and canned beer into purses or jackets, and under the benches.

Associated Student Body President Harry Hosey was among those fans drinking alcohol at the Mississippi Valley game on Oct. 8.

"I feel I was in total control of myself," Hosey said in an interview last Monday. "I look to my own mind about

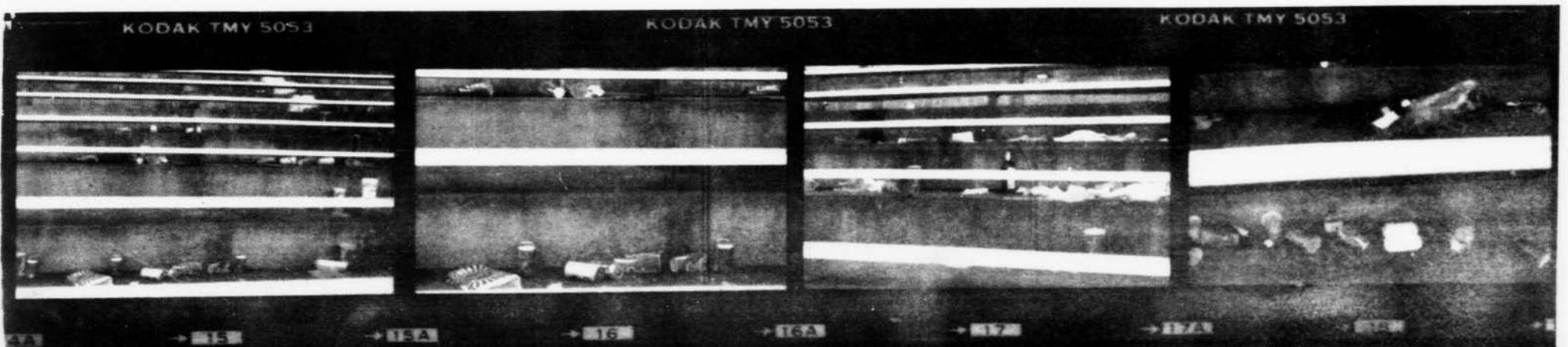
what is right for me."

Hosey said he doesn't feel he has jeopardized his position as top representative of the student body but is prepared to accept any disciplinary measures without special treatment.

"I don't think it is wrong for me," he said. "You know, spirit of the law, letter of the law. That is about all I need to say on that."

"I know what Harry did is against the law," Todd Burnette, speaker of the ASB House, said, "but there are hundreds of students who were doing the same thing and who do the same thing."

After the Georgia Southern game on Sept. 24, the stands of Floyd Stadium were littered with more than 100 empty liquor bottles and beer cans. Saturday at the Homecoming game, 53 bottles lay abandoned in one section alone as people left the shut-out game early.



To date, Floyd Stadium has been littered with evidence of alcoholic consumption after every MTSU game this season.

Jack Drugmand, chief of MTSU Campus Security, said the seven to 10 security officers patrolling the stadium every game are aware that alcohol comes through the gates.

"I honestly don't think we have a major problem," Drugmand said. "We do admit it's there because one is a fool not to see the empty bottles after it. But what we have to deal with is the abuse of it by individuals."

Security officers at the gate back up ticket takers who explain the university policy prohibiting coolers and containers to fans entering Floyd Stadium. Drugmand said, however, that short of searching people, he doesn't know how to keep alcohol completely out.

"With constitutional liberties, I certainly wouldn't want to do that, unless we begin having uncontrolled problems," he said.

MTSU Criminal Justice Professor Roy Campbell, Jr., said random searches at gates are constitutionally sensitive procedures. But many institutions that do conduct searches

shield themselves by giving adequate notice of the search policy prior to the games, he said. Campbell defined adequate notice as printing the message on tickets, posting the policy on signs at ticket outlets and including the policy in advertisements for the event.

"You wouldn't have to do it more than two times, and that would take care of it," Campbell said.

Larry Counts, president of the Blue Raider Athletic Association, said he is against a random search policy because he believes it would reduce attendance at the games. He said that as long as people know alcohol is prohibited, "they will keep it [drinking] low-key."

"Low-key" drinking may be what a walk through most of the stands reveals, but drinking is so pervasive in student sections that the scene could more accurately be described as "home free."

Drugmand said that once people are settled in the stands, officers respond to specific complaints and watch for disruptive behavior or behavior that might lead to injury.

"You won't see officers in the stands," he said. "We don't have Big Brother looking over you. I don't think our community is ready for that."

MTSU President Sam Ingram said enforcing the rules in an appropriate manner "would not be in a manner which would presume that everybody's guilty until they could prove that they aren't guilty."

Other area schools with policies prohibiting alcohol have had similar dilemmas. Vanderbilt Police Chief Ben Rector said that football fans react negatively to officers who traverse the stands watching for unconcealed alcohol.

"It was extremely difficult for Vanderbilt Police officers to try to be a friend to students during the week and an SOB during the game," he said. Rector said now only Metro Police (Davidson County/Nashville) "walk the stands" and that Vanderbilt Police are stationed elsewhere in the stadium during games. He said the strategy has been successful, even though some fans still react negatively to officers in the stands.

John David Hays, MTSU associate dean of students, reviews the citations issued at football games. He said typical scenarios in which the university takes disciplinary action fall into two categories: disorderly or argumentative behavior where alcohol may or may not be a factor, and personal injury or property damage.

"Both are infrequent," he said, "due largely to the sedateness of the crowd." Hays said Friday that he is not aware of any such action yet this year.

"We don't have Big Brother looking over you. I don't think our community is ready for that."
Jack Drugmand,

Chief of MTSU Security

Ingram said he believes alcohol is a tremendous problem for society and that he is in favor of anything that can be done to encourage responsible attitudes about alcohol.

Ingram said he does not condone drinking at games and that he feels an honest attempt is being made to appropriately control drinking at games. He said he expects people to let him know if they feel differently.

"The amount of drinking that takes place at a football game does not represent a significant factor in the problems, in general, associated with student drinking," Ingram said. "I think the places that sell alcoholic beverages and cater to students are, by far, more important factors in encouraging alcoholism than whether a person pours one drink or takes a drink at football games."

Drugmand made a similar point.

"It would be frivolous to say, 'It has existed all these years; nothing can be done with it,' but it [alcohol] is a community problem, and it has to be dealt with around the community. People need to be informed."

Stanford said he thinks the university has a moral responsibility to the community for the messages it sends.

"I'm responsible for the athletic department," he said. "And I've always said we're sort of the front porch. You're driving down a street and you look at the front porch and the front yard. And there are pretty flowers and the swing, and you say, 'My, what a pretty yard and front porch!' That is the way I would like to see us represent this university — be a nice, lovely front porch and yard. And I think we do a pretty good job."



Ticket-taker Jeff Rielley monitors the student gate and explains the university policy that prohibits bringing coolers and containers into Floyd Stadium.



Concealing alcohol in a purse is a common method people use to bring alcohol into the game, since purses are not searched at the gate.



An unidentified Blue Raider supporter socializes during a pause in the action at this season's opener on Sept. 17.



Fans gather early in the Greenland Drive parking lot for hot dogs, hamburgers and beverage of choice.

Bathroom doors altered again

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Staff Writer

Some men's bathrooms in Kirksey Old Main and other buildings which had their main doors removed recently, will soon be getting the doors back, university officials said.

In addition, every other stall door will be replaced, said Robert LaLance, vice-president for student affairs. Every door was removed following a communications mixup.

"That's not how we decided to approach that," LaLance said when he was told every door had been removed. "Our approach was to have every other stall private. They were off for some other reason or because someone didn't follow our orders."

Bill Smotherman, director of the physical plant, coordinated the removal. He said the maintenance workers performing the removal were told to remove every other door, then told to remove just the center doors.

Smotherman said they

probably got mixed up and took them all out.

The main doors were meant to be removed, but it has since been decided to replace some of them.

"We decided to reinstall some of the outside doors because they were located in an area where there was a little less privacy than we thought," LaLance said.

LaLance said the doors were removed and the inside walls were painted in response to a recent *Sidelines* article detailing homosexual activity in the restrooms.

on," LaLance said.

The main doors and every other stall door are in the process of being replaced, Smotherman said.

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The Lambda Association of MTSU invites all those interested in our Gay and Lesbian support group to contact the Lambda Association in care of Daniel R. Webster at MTSU P.O. Box 3301. Thank you for your support.

BSU will sponsor a variety show on Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center. No auditions, no talent needed.

The Student Home Economics Association will be meeting on Oct. 19 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 106 of the Ellington Home Economics Building. This month's speaker will be Ralph Vaughn, Executive Director of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce. He will speak on how the growth of Rutherford County and Middle Tennessee will affect MTSU and its graduates. Come join us and find out what the future may hold for you!

PUBLIC DEBATE "Which political party can best deal with the Economic Problems of the Nation?" Wednesday Oct. 19, in KUC Room 324. Everyone invited to participate.

The first meeting of the President's Club will be Thursday Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. in Room 324 of the KUC. If you are an officer of a registered campus organization, you are invited to attend. Officers will be elected. For more information, contact Shari Taylor MTSU Box 2839.

Arms meeting Tuesday, Oct. 18 7:30 p.m. KUC 318 RIM Alumni panel with alumni from Warner Bros., William Morris Talent Agency, Chappell/Inter song Pub., Milsap Pub. and Central South record dist. Meeting is open to the public.

Tau Omicron will hold its new member initiation banquet on Wed. Oct 19, from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. in the Stones River Room at the Holiday Inn in Murfreesboro. The banquet costs \$13 which includes dinner, membership certificate and the fall semester dues. All new members are encouraged to attend.

STRESS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR---FREE (Test Anxiety) Oct. 18 & 25 9:30-10:30, Oct. 19 & 26 9:00-10:00, University Center Room 305. Sponsored by the Psi Chi and Psychology Club with Drs. West, Heritage, Tang & Toms.

The Association of Non-Traditional Students is meeting Tuesday, Oct. 18, — 6:30 Business Meeting at the Grill — Non-Smoking Section. — 7 p.m.-8 p.m. MTSU Library—a Customized Orientation to the Library. A video demonstration and specialized talk on Non-Traditional Student needs. All are welcome.

Juniors, Seniors and graduate students who have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better, or who have made outstanding contributions to the University may apply by securing an application from the ASB office. No student may receive the honor more than once. Deadline for returning the completed application is Nov. 1.

Applications will be made available for the Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges in the ASB office Room 304, KUC on Monday, Oct. 10. Applications must be returned by Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Circle K Meeting with speaker. Tuesday, Oct. 18 Room 312, University Center, 7 p.m. All interested high school key club members are welcome. Circle K is affiliated with Murfreesboro Kiwanis Clubs.



Frank Conley/Staff

Amy Grant played to a crowd of over 8,500 at Murphy Center Saturday night. Grant is touring to support her *Lead Me On* album.

A103 Art and reason

When Mark and I decided to spend the weekend at his mother's house, I never imagined I would be walking into a mouse's nightmare. There were cats everywhere.

Cat plaques, cat statues, cat clocks, even a cat mat. I couldn't begin to duplicate her collection of kitty litter if I spent a year at a garage sale. Conspicuously absent, however, was a real cat. Strange, I thought, and began to fear that a weekend with cat woman could be a lot less than purr-fect.

But then she came home, and Mark introduced her. She was dressed surprisingly well—no leopard pants. In fact, you could say she was the cat's meow, but I'd rather not.

She offered me a cup of Dutch Chocolate Mint. Now that was something I could relate to. Then she brought it out in the most beautiful, distinctly unfeline china I'd ever seen. As we sipped, I found out that Mrs. Campbell has my same weakness for chocolate, loves the theater as much as I do, but, incredibly, never saw "Cats." So Mark and I are taking her next month.



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Jenne Lowe 1) and Annabelle Brice discuss where to get a coffee can and a golf putter for the Scavenger Hunt.

Students receive two scholarships

By LISA NEWTON
News Editor

Two \$500 scholarships have been awarded by MTSU's history department this fall to a graduate student and an undergraduate student majoring in history.

The Hooper Scholarship, awarded to Janet Hudson, senior, and the Jennings Scholarship, awarded to Joe Douglas, graduate student, were set up "a few years ago" when Thelma Jennings and Ernest Hooper, faculty with the history department, retired, according to Jerry Brookshire, a history professor.

These scholarships are "an annual thing", Brookshire said.

The minimum criteria for the scholarships are the students' grade point averages.

Members of the history department nominate a student for each award. Then the awards committee meets and thoroughly considers academic achievements and overall interest and involvement in history.

One of the scholarships is for this fall and one is for the spring semester. They will be awarded to Hudson and Douglas when the history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, holds its banquet in early December.

The recipients, their families and faculty will attend the banquet, according to Brookshire.

Hudson said she was "pretty excited" when she found out about the scholarship. The senior history major plans to go to graduate school after taking a year off after graduation.

The history department is "one of the strengths of the university," Hudson said.

Douglas was unavailable for comment.

Media experts gather at SDX meet

From Staff Reports

Various Nashville media personalities will be in Murfreesboro tomorrow evening to discuss the mass media's coverage of elections.

The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi is sponsoring the workshop on election coverage to be held at 5:30 Tuesday at the Quincy's on Broad Street.

"This should be a great opportunity for students interested in media coverage of elections to find out from the experts what the process is like and what decisions have to be made," said D. Brian Conley, SDX president.

Mike Cohen, news director for Channel 4; Kent Flanagan, AP Bureau Chief in Nashville; and Frank Gibson, *Tennessean* metro editor, will be presenting the workshop, Conley said in a *Sidelines* interview Sunday afternoon.

The meeting will also serve as the initiation ceremony for new members, Conley said.

"SDX is a great opportunity for students interested in mass communications and journalism to learn more about their craft," Conley said. "At the workshops we sponsor, students are able to meet people who have been in the business for years.

"In addition, members get to meet students who share a common interest," he added. "It's a great experience."

For more information, students can contact Conley (893-7648) or Glenn Himebaugh, chapter advisor, at extension 2205.

During the business meeting following the workshop, Gibson, national treasurer for SDX, will give details about the upcoming national convention in Cincinnati.

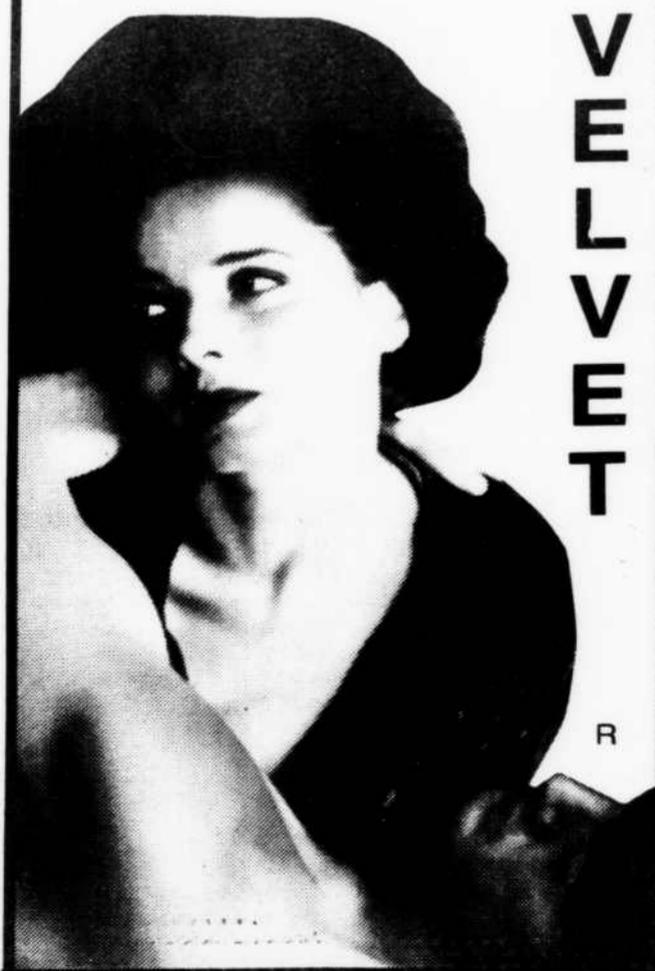
Conley urged all members and prospective members to attend as there are many important business items to take care of in the business portion of the meeting.

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Dorm heat requires petition signed by majority of residents

By LISA NEWTON
News Editor

As soon as a majority of students in each dormitory agree they want their dorms heated and understand that the air conditioning will not be turned on again, MTSU maintenance will turn on the heat, according to Ivan Shewmake, director of housing at MTSU.

"It is an all or nothing system," Shewmake said.

Once the heat is turned on in the dormitories, the air conditioner will not be turned on again until next year.

Shewmake explained that housing leaves the decision of when to turn on the heat up to the students. A petition for heat is sent to each dorm, and if 75 percent of the students sign, the heat will be turned on.

Students must also understand that even if the weather changes and gets warm after the switch from air to heat, the air conditioning will not be turned on.

"Once the majority agree to go to heat, we'll do it within 24 hours," Bill Smotherman, director of the physical plant, said.

This is the third year MTSU has been doing this with petitions.

"Before, we used long-range forecast techniques, and we'd still miss [in predicting the weather]," Shewmake said.

"Now we leave it up to the students."

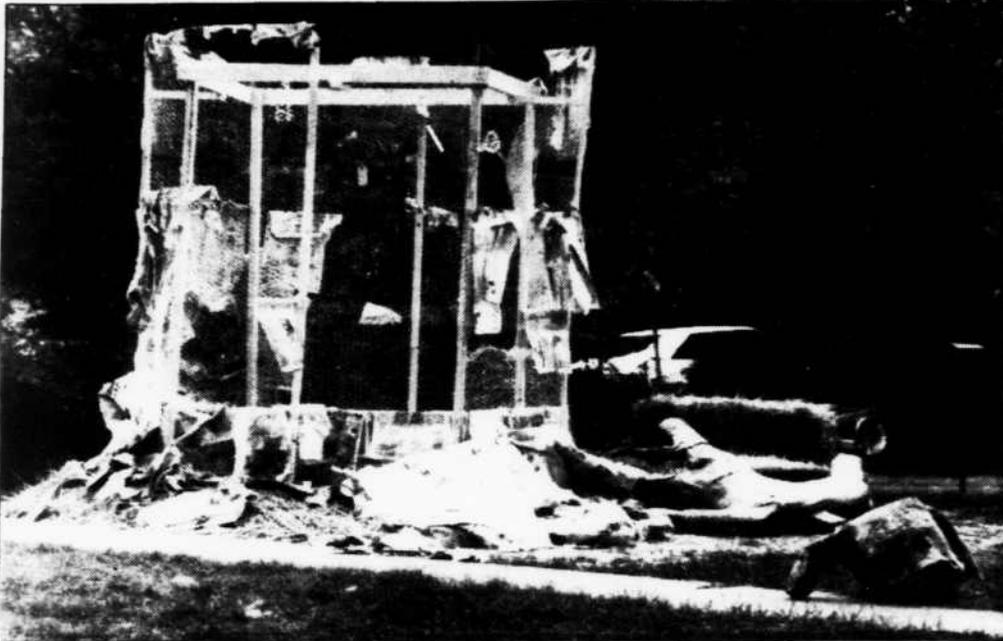
According to Shewmake, Clement and Gore Halls turned in petitions Thursday and two or three others turned them in Friday.



Frank Conley•Staff

Alpha Delta Pi/Pi Kappa Alpha's float proceeds down Tennessee Boulevard in the Homecoming parade. (top) The Sigma Chi yard decoration lay in ruins after rain destroys weeks worth of work. (bottom)

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EDITORIAL



Alcohol at games should be punted

Like a practicing alcoholic, MTSU administrators are suffering from profound denial of a serious problem — continuous and blatant drinking at football games.

The use or possession of alcohol on state-owned or state-controlled property is strictly prohibited by State Board of Regents (SBR) policy. The state legislature has vested the SBR with the power of enforcement, so this policy carries the same weight as state law.

Several administrators, including President Sam Ingram, have admitted to *Sidelines* that drinking by students and non-students does occur in the stands. The policy, however, will not be enforced unless there is a "rowdy behavior problem," administrators have said.

Sidelines reporter Bobbie Ohs and photographer Michael Johnson have spent this entire football season observing drinking behavior at and around home games. Their words and photographs appear on pages 4 and 5 of this issue.

The reasons for enforcing this policy outweigh any reasons against enforcement given by the administration. Here are just a few:

1. Binge drinking. A 1982 study on community norms of alcohol use among students, given to *Sidelines* by Associate Dean of Students John David Hays, stated that "social settings favorable to use of alcohol or drugs reinforce and increase an individual's predisposition to use them." MTSU football games are such a setting. Peer pressure in such settings can contribute to acquired drinking problems later on in an individual's life.

Drinking problems can arise whether a person is disposed toward non-alcoholic or alcoholic tendencies. In addition, those in recovery can suffer relapse behavior just from the smell of alcohol, which can be quite overwhelming in the stands.

2. Image. MTSU has long been known as the "party school," cheap and academically easy. Drinking in the stands reinforces this image. Why do administrators spend time, money and energy attempting to boost the prestige of this university, and yet look away from a problem that is tarnishing that ideal?

The university should look at recruitment as well in dealing with this issue. Children, junior high and high school students catch a glimpse of "college life" at football games. Is this the distorted image MTSU wants to portray?

Speaking of image, ASB President Harry Hosey was among those photographed by Johnson who were drinking at the MTSU-Mississippi Valley State game. Hosey didn't deny it. As a student representing the entire student body, both on campus and in the community, Hosey's actions have drawn some serious questions that must be addressed.

Whether Hosey should be disciplined by MTSU, or whether he should continue to serve as ASB president, is for administrators and the ASB House and Senate to decide.

Perhaps Hosey should go unpunished because, guilty as he was of violating SBR policy, he was in another sense a victim of the university's negligence. And there were many others.

3. Safety. Read today's lead story. Drinking and driving...you know the rest. Anyone who has attended a home football game has an idea of how bad the traffic is. Intoxicants certainly don't aid the traffic jams on campus or the possibility of accidents off campus.

It is ironic that at least a dozen MTSU fraternity members were sent to the hospital early Homecoming morning due to three hayride-related accidents. Authorities said intoxicants were involved in all three accidents.

4. Attendance. The argument made by President of the Blue Raider Athletic Association Larry Counts and others that attendance would decrease if SBR policy was enforced is invalid. Attendance could, over time, actually increase. For as many people who would be turned off at the thought of not being able to mix Jack and Coke at the game, more might be turned on to a different environment — a much safer and respected environment.

The solution is simple — enforcement. Stopping containers from coming through the gates does not work. Reasonable and well-advertised search and patrol of the stands does.

Sidelines finds it deplorable that MTSU has taken such a nonchalant attitude toward a serious problem. It is a clear case of institutional hypocrisy that borders on criminal negligence. It is the university's moral, legal and ethical responsibility to enforce this policy, using every resource necessary. If one person is saved from alcoholism or death, the price of enforcement is well worth it.

Science preparation necessary

By KATE LAPCZYNSKI
Staff Columnist

There has been talk of restructuring teacher education in this state so that every prospective teacher will have earned a bachelor's degree in some discipline before being allowed to enter the School of Education. The idea is to have people well-grounded in a specialty entering the field of education.

It's not a bad idea. It means, however, that people will be asked to invest five years of their lives to getting an education that will put them in competition for a job on the low end of the pay scale. Some sort of guarantee that their special skills will be respected and in demand upon graduation does not seem unreasonable to those making the investment.

No such sort of guarantee exists for those who hope to teach the sciences. It is not at all uncommon for qualified science professionals to find themselves frozen out of teaching positions because they cannot coach football as well.

There is nothing wrong with a science teacher coaching a team, as long as science is his vocation and sports his avocation. Problems arise, however, when classes are taught by those not thoroughly grounded in and enthusiastic about the subject they have been hired to teach.

These problems are compounded when coupled with the lack of lab facilities, lackluster texts and the absence of other resources. Combine these factors and you have a clear message — neither science instructors nor science instruction are highly valued.

What is going on here? After several years of media hype about the drive to upgrade the quality of education in this state, all too many school districts still provide only the most cursory of science curriculums. It has been stated incessantly by education authorities from William Bennett on down that science, as a discipline, is indispensable to a 20th century education. Why, then, are we still confusing physical science with physical ed?

It is no surprise that many students entering college cannot see the value of the science courses they are required to take. On the contrary, what is surprising is that more students don't feel that way. They have certainly been lead to believe, on the basis of past experience, that science is either relatively unimportant or something that

is beyond their capability to understand. Neither of these beliefs are valid.

To understand is inherent in our nature. To build on old knowledge and to use that knowledge to alter, to improve, to change is the special purview of our species. No other creature on this planet manipulates his environment, nor strives to understand the "why" and "how" of things as does Man.

The sciences allow us to weave the tapestry that encompasses everything from the smallest atom to the farthest star. The workings of our own bodies, our inextricable link to all other living things, our effect on them, theirs on us — these are not matters of small import. The health of our planet, its place in the universe, the application and expanding knowledge of natural laws — these are not matters of small import.

The health of our planet, its place in the universe, the application and expanding knowledge of natural laws — these are not the eccentric occupations of intellectual dilettantes, but matters of vital import that concern and affect us all. If we are to continue as a species, and allow the existence of other species at the mercy of our machinations, we must all be scientists.

And we can be. The lessons of science are not beyond the capabilities of any thinking person. Sit a young child in front of a TV tuned to "Mr. Wizard" and you will watch a child absorb several principles of physics within the span of thirty minutes. Moreover, you will observe a child who has had a "Gee Whiz!" experience.

If that excitement and curiosity can be instilled and maintained, the imparting of knowledge becomes driven by the right engine — the learning component of the teach-learn contract.

That is the challenge of science education. If we must indeed all be scientists, we must attract enthusiastic, well-educated people to the field of science education. To do that, we must show them that their special skills will be highly valued.

That means providing teachers with every possible classroom resource, including non-traditional resources, as well as readable, informative textbooks and adaptable, well-equipped laboratory facilities. Whether or not they can also coach a team should not be a criterion for employment.

Creative dating

By **DAVID ROBINSON**
Presbyterian Student Fellowship Campus Pastor

What's the typical college date? Of course, another trip to the movies. How boring! How lacking in imagination! Surely there is a bit more to Middle Tennessee life than movie theaters.

Why do guys tend to take gals to the movies for dates? Because it's safe, easy and relatively cheap. You don't have to talk in a movie theater. In fact, it's not even appropriate. You don't even have to look at each other at a movie. All you need to do is sit and look up at the screen. What a creative way to get to know someone. What a way to discover more of yourself in another person.

But then what's dating all about anyway? It's about having fun while developing and deepening friendships, getting to know someone on many levels of life and discovering more of myself. It's about developing quality relationships.

There are thousands of creative ways to date. Let me stir up the creative juices.

First Dates: Ride bikes. Visit a lake and feed the ducks. Ice skate. Shop 'til you drop. Go canoeing. Go horseback riding. Go hiking, climbing or repelling. Go dancing. Play mini-golf. Hit some balls at the driving range. Bowl. Play

board games. Go on a walk down Main Street.

Other Active Dates: Play tennis or racquetball. Fly kites on campus school lawn. Go fishing. Go for a slow drive down a country road. Take a fun class together. Create a scavenger hunt and go on it together. Collect insects together. Pray together. Study together. Do your laundry together. Go roller-skating in Nashville at the Capitol building. Plant a mini-garden indoors. Climb a tree together on campus.

Artistic Dates: Rent a video camera and make your own music video starring you and your date. Buy a finger-painting set and make some finger-paintings for each other. Read a book aloud together. Try creative writing of poems and short stories with each other. Go to Cheekwood Art Gallery. Go to the library and check out a book of art to look at over coffee. Go to a craft festival together. Do some handcrafts of your own together, such as pottery or basket weaving. Refinish your dorm furniture. Repaint your dorm room.

Food Dates: Go on a progressive fast food night down Broad Street. Have a BBQ on campus. Go out on a picnic. Hit Persnickitys for a Banana Split. Serve her breakfast in bed (don't forget the fresh flowers and candles). Bake bread. Cook dinner for each other. Make homemade ice-cream. Eat Alphabet Soup together while watching David Letterman.

Spectator Dates: Attend a play on campus. Go to a football game together. Go garage sale hunting on a Saturday. Have a movie night at home. Go to a public lecture. Watch late night double M.A.S.H. together.

Service Dates: Rake someone's leaves for free. Have a Bible Study. Do volunteer work for a service agency here in town. Work at church. Offer to wash someone's windows.

It doesn't take much money or imagination to create a very fun and special afternoon or evening together with someone you care about, or someone you'd like to know better. And one of the funniest ways to date is to group date with a bunch of friends.

One thing creative dating does require is a willingness to break out of the soft and safe mold of the movie theater seat. For more ideas on creative dating see, "Creative Dating" by Doug Fields and Todd Temple, published by Nelson, available at local Christian bookstores.

Return doors to stalls in KOM

By **D. BRIAN CONLEY**
Staff Columnist

Hopefully, many members of the MTSU community have become aware of the great travesty perpetrated upon the male students of this campus.

Of course, I am talking about the unnecessary and unwarranted removal of the doors to the men's bathrooms. Most females have probably also noticed this calamity inflicted upon the opposite sex.

However, only men know of the greatest crime the oppressive university officials have decided to commit — the removal of the doors on those famous KOM stalls.

Personally, I am glad the university cares enough about us to attempt this fiasco to protect the male students from that evil. But this is definitely the stupidest way to achieve the desired result.

Now, instead of having to cough or stomp a foot, the few homosexuals who are active in KOM merely have to stand in front of the empty stall and look. It is a veritable smorgasbord of genitalia.

How many administrators would perform a bowel movement in a bathroom with no door? In a stall with no privacy?

Granted, this editorial has gone overboard in a few instances and descriptions. However, it has not gone as far out to sea as the administration has in performing this removal and denial of privacy.

We are simply asking for the doors back. Please.

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Letters to the editor

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter in response to the "Fag U" letter in the October 13 issue of *Sidelines*

While I am proud of the education I've received here at MTSU, "good," "decent" and "normal" are not the reasons I've attended this institution. "Convenient," "cheap" and "friendly" are the words I use to describe MTSU. However, if we use your standards to judge MTSU, we'll soon be able to substitute mediocre for normal.

It is exactly the type of reputation you advocate that I'll be trying to shed when competing in the real world with other students from not-so-"normal" schools.

If you want to compare MTSU with the schools who allow and even promote such organizations on their campuses, you will find that our reputation (academic or otherwise) is relatively meager. Schools such as UCLA, Berkely, Northwestern and even Harvard allow their gay students to organize. I'm not suggesting that to compete with these schools we have to have this fraternity, I'm just saying that this small group of students won't hurt the school's reputation. By the way, I think I've heard your argument before, except before it pertained to Jews, blacks and women.

I don't think there is anyone on campus who would argue that being gay is easy or even a preferred lifestyle. It is just the way some people are.

Our college education is supposed to prepare us for our future endeavors. This is real life! My guess is that, unless you're lucky enough to be able to surround yourself with only "normal" people for the rest of your life, you will encounter many people different than yourself. Chances are, many of these will go undetected by you because they are in many ways, just like us "normal" people. I can even bet that these "abnormals" are more numerous than you suspect and they're laughing at you and people like you for being so frightened of them.

I'm also tired of people using the Bible to justify hateful arguments such as yours. It's almost laughable that you quote from the Old Testament. While I'm not writing to argue the merits of the Bible, we all know that the Old Testament served its purpose during its day. I would bet that you eat pork today (another example of a custom that God warned about in the Old Testament). You're condemning the clergy men at MTSU for being tolerant. C'mon guys, isn't it tolerance of others that makes us truly Christ-like. It is not for you or the clergy to judge your fellow

students. Only professors and God have earned that distinction.

By now most of us here are adults and have already come to grips with who we are and the general direction we want to go in life. This fraternity will not challenge who or what we are. It will only allow for students who are having a difficult time adjusting to campus life an opportunity for fellowship with other students. This is why most students join any organization. My hunch is that this organization will go even further than most fraternities by allowing membership to *anyone* who is interested.

It is too bad this kind of tolerance won't be extended to them.

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NRA editorial worthless, space being wasted for mindlessness

To the editor:

I would like to address a question to Doug Stults regarding his editorial in the October 13. What is the point? Your stand on the gun control issue is obvious, but you fail to make one valid point. I cannot believe that *Sidelines* would allow you so much space to say absolutely nothing.

The only statistic you give shows the low number of people killed with handguns in other countries. But what you failed to show was the percentages of people killed with handguns in other countries. Were their murder rates any lower or did the murderers simply choose different weapons? You make numerous other allusions that were so ridiculous they do not even merit comment.

In the future, I feel you should write your articles in a more intelligent manner.

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Debate a waste

By DOUG STULTS
Editorial Editor

Thursday night's presidential "debate" went down like teleprompted clockwork. As predicted prior to the performance, Governor Dukakis leaked a smile or three and everybody's boy-next-door, George Bush, patted Mike on the head in an effort to consolidate his position.

Dukakis attempted to be "human" — not that thinking, sober-minded individuals aren't human, but they aren't "real people." Bush, with his congenial manner and appeals to the heartland, went out of his way to show that he not only knew real people, he might even be able to act like one.

Of course, it must be stressed early that this wasn't a debate. People tend to talk with, or scream at, each other in real debates. This was a dual press conference. The candidates might as well have been at home in the tub, hooked up by satellite.

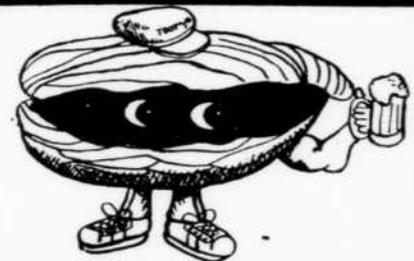
Though the National Organization of Women was the original sponsor of this photo op, they pulled out after they weren't allowed to control the parameters of the contest. As a result, the nation got more of the same — a Q&A session that let the candidates get their point across, but restricted comparison of viewpoints.

Bush had the slickest tongue. His specious comment that he did not watch the Bush-slaming Democratic Convention won him points on the dignity toteboard, but as far as substantive discussion goes, forget it.

Of course, this is the '80s, ideas don't have to mean anything, they just have to look good.

Dukakis made the mistake of supplying answers to his questions, God forbid, which meant the actual winner was debate moderator Bernard Shaw, from CNN News. His bared-fists berating of the crowd (Be quiet! ... These outbursts must not continue!) was the clearest declaration of the night. He was roundly ignored, but at least they knew he was sincere.

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Letters to the Editor

Growing up and growing older not a move to the right

To the Editor:

Rene Spricher's long, thoughtful and detailed letter criticizing Doug Stults' "inflammatory rhetoric" and seemingly perfunctory political thought was possibly the best letter to have appeared in *Sidelines* since I came to MTSU three years ago. Her argument—that marriage, children, financial responsibility, working within the system and age all deepen one's political thought and encourage the fine-tuning of one's political rhetoric—is valid. I know: like Ms. Spricher, I am also pushing forty, have been married (to the same person) for nearly half my life and have children whose welfare it is my most important task to secure.

That, however, is the extent of my agreement with Ms. Spricher. For one thing, growing up does not necessarily mean moving to the right politically. My politics are more thoughtful, I hope, than they were in 1969 when I joined SDS and demonstrated against the Vietnam War and my university's involvement in the war machine, but they are just as radically progressive as they were twenty years ago. For example, while universal health-care insurance, which Ms. Spricher mentions, was just a buzz word for me during my college years, I now have four precious children whose very existence makes it ethically imperative that I do what I can to bring America up to the health-care standards of other Western nations. To put it in practical terms, when my contract at MTSU expires next July, my family will be without medical insurance and my ten-year-old daughter, who suffers from chronic kidney problems, will be without medical care for an indefinite period—just like millions of other American children. This is one of the reasons I worked this past winter for Jesse Jackson's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The second point on which I disagree with Ms. Spricher concerns inflammatory rhetoric. I see nothing at all wrong with being inflamed, and very much wrong with the coolness exhibited by Mr. Dukakis in his campaign and the detachment exhibited by many campus Democrats. This is not to say that I think it good to become inflamed over non-issues like the Pledge of Allegiance, as Mr. Bush does. We need a balance of substance and passion in our politics. It is a paradox that age seems to bring substance while it wears away passion, and I believe that as we all grow older we have to work at retaining the passion for politics that came so naturally in our youths. One way to do that is to stay in close contact with young people, and that is one reason that I am teaching at MTSU. Doug Stults will doubtless fine-tune his rhetoric as he grows older, but I hope his acute inflammation never heals. After all, it was this young man's inflammatory rhetoric that made two aging Baby Boomers sort out their thoughts and enter into the kind of public dialogue that it is one of the major functions of universities to foster.

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Attention all homophobics: Lambda criticism bigotry

To the Editor:

Attention all homophobics:

True, the Bible has passages that lead one to believe that homosexuality is wrong in the eyes of God. But nowhere does it say that you may personally judge or condemn anyone who engages in it.

True, also, that there is a law, in many states, that limits sexual activity to only the "missionary" position. This was not written with any exceptions, i.e., heterosexuals. The law includes everyone engaging in oral, anal or varied-position sexual activity. Are any of you little hypocrites going to turn yourselves in the next time you commit one of these crimes, or will you wait until someone catches you at it?

True, there is a large percentage of the population of this school that is homosexual. They consider it normal, and are allowed by God and the Constitution to make this decision for themselves. Who are you to tell them they

can't, or tell them that they are giving this fine, upstanding school community a bad name? What about all the rapists, potential murderers and crooks (both political and everyday) that wander about with the rest of us unnoticed?

I accuse anyone who judges the newly-formed organization Lambda with unsympathetic outbursts of being a bigot, and a hypocrite. And I find it infinitely interesting that those who read this letter and disagree with it are going to be as angry, or almost, as I was when I read the last *Sidelines* editorial about this subject. Funny how they'll think they're right too, and that I have no morals, et cetera. Hey, get over it. This is America, remember? I'm allowed to be "wrong" just as you are.

Sincerely, and quite fed up,
Elisabeth Dugger
General Delivery

"Hippie of the Week" a regular column? Get real, people!

To the Editor:

Hurray for *Sidelines*! You've finally put some human interest stuff in the paper. Thank you, Ms. Riedle, for the enlightening look at Greg Cannon — that "undecided" freshman" everyone's been buzzing about, who has concerns for the environment and political prisoners. Is that

Closed minds bothersome, campus should "get off it"

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter printed in the October 13th edition. I am sick of these people who have such closed minds. MTSU has a very diverse student body, and not all have the same ideas. Yet some of you people act as if you are the only ones in this world who deserve to be treated with respect, because you follow the guidelines set out for you by society.

I am not gay, but I have gay friends. I can tell you this much: My gay friends have proved to be better friends than most of you bigots ever could. They do not judge a person just because they don't believe and have the same values as others. Get off it, people! I think you really should

spend more time evaluating yourself instead of the rest of the world. Sure, everyone has a right to his or her opinion, but who the hell are you to judge?

Renee Burks
Box 5039

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guy deep or what? I think you should make a regular column out of this idea, but I'm not sure exactly what the focus is. Should it be "Nobody of the Week" or "Hippie of the Week"?

Get real. What is this doing in the paper? OK, I confess I joined in condemning the paper for its recent sensationalism over the homo bit. I repent! Keep it going! Why not print a list of gay professors, or suggest closing the theater department? Stir something up! Shock value — that's the ticket. Just don't bore us with randomly selected, concerned hippies. We need something to keep us going till the next class, something to talk about in the halls. A little piece of advice: radical conservatives make better copy. They piss more people off. But if you really want to play it safe, stick with sex.

I can't imagine the decision-making process which led to the printing of this article. Perhaps you can enlighten me.

Mark Cobb
Box 3491

Editor's note: The story entitled "Undecided freshman..." in the Oct. 13 issue of Sidelines is part of a series that will focus on students randomly selected by staff writer Tracey Riedle. The series is intended to feature the wide variety of MTSU students in an attempt to capture campus voice and opinion.

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SPORTS

Raiders ground Eagles 49-0

By DWAYNE SMITH and
CECIL JOYCE
Sports Writers

MTSU behind another excellent defensive outing and three first quarter touchdowns defeated the Morehead State Eagles 49-0 in a Homecoming victory Saturday.

It turned out to be a grand birthday present for coach Boots Donnelly, who celebrated his 47th with the win.

The offense consisted of a balanced running game led by Joe Campbell, who had 65 yards on 10 carries and three touchdowns.

Todd Davis also contributed in the ground game, with 55 yards on 10 carries and two touchdowns.

Wade Johnson added 48 yards on 10 carries and also a 49-yard touchdown reception.

Although the Blue Raiders came within two points of breaking a school record on offense, Head Coach Boots Donnelly still believes that there is much work to be done.

"The offense played well enough for today, but we are not where we will have to be for the next three weeks," Donnelly replied.

Quarterback Marvin Collier completed 4-of-10 pas-

ses for 87 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. He also ran the ball 10 times for 39 yards.

"We (offense) owe a lot to the defense for giving us the ball and giving us the chance to score," Collier said.

Coach Donnelly added, "Marvin played well, he impressed me by making the tackle that caused the fumble after his only interception."

The Raiders scored early on the 49-yard strike from Collier to Johnson. That came only a minute and a half into the game. Five minutes later, Campbell broke it open on a 43-yard scamper to make it 14-0. Campbell added a 2-yard run to make it 21-0 at the end of the 1st quarter.

Van Dinger made a beautiful catch late in the second quarter to make it 28-0 at the half.

"Dinger's catch made up for some of what he went through in last year's loss at Morehead," Donnelly said.

Davis, behind the second string offensive line, scored the final two touchdowns against the Eagles' first string defense.

MTSU's near-perfect game was interrupted by a bench-clearing brawl at the



Maggie White•Special

MTSU won their second straight game of the season with a lopsided Homecoming victory over the Morehead State Eagles. The Raiders 49-0 victory, fell two points short of the all-time high 51 points in one game.

end of the first half. Tommy Barnes and Kenny Tippins were both ejected, while no Eagle players were thrown out of the game.

Donnelly decided not to comment on the fight until viewing the game film.

MTSU, who came into the contest with the number one ranked pass defense in Division I-AA,

intercepted three passes and held Eagle quarterback Chris Swartz to only 104 yards in the air, far below his season's average.

"Our defensive ends and linebackers did a good job today," Donnelly remarked regarding the defensive effort. "We forced them to throw underneath and we made the tackles right after

the catches."

Chuck Swafford, Anthony Coleman and Tommy Barnes each had an interception for the Raiders.

Mike Fairbanks blocked one punt and partially blocked another, both setting up MTSU touchdowns.

The Raiders also had four sacks on the day.

MTSU travels to Clarksville next week to face Austin Peay in what is the first of three straight road games for the Raiders.

"We will have to win the OVC on the road," Donnelly said. "We'll know where we stand when we come home for the Tennessee Tech game."



Maggie White•Special

With fighting spirit, the Raider's victory takes them to 5-2 overall and 2-0 in the OVC race. The Raiders face Austin Peay next Saturday in Clarksville.

Freshman basketball star booted from school, team

By MICHELLE
GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

The MTSU Blue Raider basketball team have begun their season with high hopes, but on a bad note.

After the NBA's two-year ban of former player Duane Washington earlier this year due to cocaine possession and a positive drug test, another Blue Raider may have run into a similar situation.

The Blue Raiders dismissed former Nashville Stratford star, Henderson Kelly, last week.

Kelly was expected to get a lot of playing time this year as a freshman and perhaps even a starting pos-

ition.

On Sunday, Murfreesboro Daily News Journal reporter Brad Zimanek wrote in a signed column that Kelly's dismissal is believed to involve a drug-related incident.

Head Basketball Coach Bruce Stewart told the DNJ that "it is a situation dealing with school."

"Henderson has never been disrespectful or belligerent in any way," Stewart said in the column.

Associate Dean of Students John Hays said he could give *Sidelines* no details.

"I can't confirm or deny anything because of the privacy act," said Hays.

"I have not talked to Bruce," said Stanford Sunday. "All I know is that he was kicked out of the dorm and his father came and picked him up."

Stanford also said that Kelly must have broken some school rules and that he was also dismissed from the university.

Washington has been asked to rejoin the Continental Basketball Association's Rapid City (S.D.) Thrillers, but Kelly's future is undetermined.

"His next move may be to attend a junior college," said Stewart in Sunday's DNJ, "but that is entirely up to him."

Homecoming '88 activities recapped

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

MTSU's 1988 October Homecoming lived up to its name. The variety of activities that occurred on campus the last week brought back a world of memories for the alumni and the current students who will soon be alumni.

Activities began Sunday, Oct. 9, with the first-ever Mue Raider Biathlon.

Over 150 people entered the event that included a 5 kilometer run, 30 kilometer bike ride and another 5 kilometer run.

First place in the event went to Loren Hartman with a time of 1:21:00.

Second place went to Loren's brother, Bert Hartman with a time of 1:25:30.

Third place went to Stephen Schmidt, who also captured first in the 35-39 age category.

It was Thursday afternoon before any other activities got underway, but when they did it was at full speed.

Activities Day took up the majority of Thursday afternoon on the courtyard of Peck Hall. Activities included pyramid races, an egg toss, keg roll and many others.

Fraternity Division:
Kappa Sigma—first place.
Beta Theta Pi—second place.
Delta Tau Delta—third

place.
Sigma Phi Epsilon—fourth place.
Pi Kappa Alpha—fifth place.
●Sorority Division:
Chi Omega—first place
Alpha Delta Pi—second place
Alpha Omicron Pi—third place
Delta Zeta—fourth place
Kappa Delta—fifth place
●Male Dorm Division:
Clement Hall—first place
Gore Hall—second place
Nicks Hall—third place
Deere Hall—fourth place
●Female Dorm Division:
High Rise—first place
Cummings Hall—second place
Wood Hall—third place
●Open Division:
Wesley Foundation—first place
Delta Omicron—second place
Phi Mu Alpha—third place

Old Fort Golf Course was the site of the annual Men's Alumni Golf Tournament on Friday.

The event included approximately 90 alumni competitors who teed off in the 4-person scramble which began with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

The four-man team that won the tournament included current MTSU Athletic Director John Stanford.

"I played with the Apple's from Carthage and Bill Moore who is also from Carthage and we played



Frank Conley/Staff

Campus organizations competed in the pyramid race, Thursday, on the courtyard of Peck Hall during the annual Homecoming Activities Day. This was just one of several competitions which were held for Homecoming.

very good," said Stanford.
●The team made of John Stanford, Bill Moore, Sonny Apple and David Apple took first place honors.
●The team made of Bob Wolfe, Billy Walker, Jerry Snith and Teddy Morris placed second.
●Closest to the hole winners:
Carl Bell, Jimmy Petty, Andy Snaith and J.D. Driver

●Longest Drive winner: Denise Pridemore, who participated with the men since the scheduled Women's Alumni Golf tourney was cancelled due to lack of entrants.
Concluding the Alumni Sports activities was an Alumni Baseball game which was played at Reese L. Smith Field. The game featured graduates from the 80's, 50's and 40's against the graduates from the 70's,

60's and 30's.
The Alumni Game welcomed the 1968 MTSU team, led by Coach Jimmy Earle, who celebrated their 20th anniversary of winning the OVC championship.
●The game finished with an 8-8 tie.
The Alumni continued their activities late into the night with a pep rally and bonfire followed by a party at the 'Boro. Several hundred people attended.

On Saturday morning, the Alumni honored three former Raider athletes into the Hall of Fame at the 13th annual Homecoming breakfast.
●Inductees include: James Hubert Swann; Class of 1929—football and baseball.
Jerry Hurst; Class of 1958—football and basketball.
Tommy Haynes; Class of 1974—track.



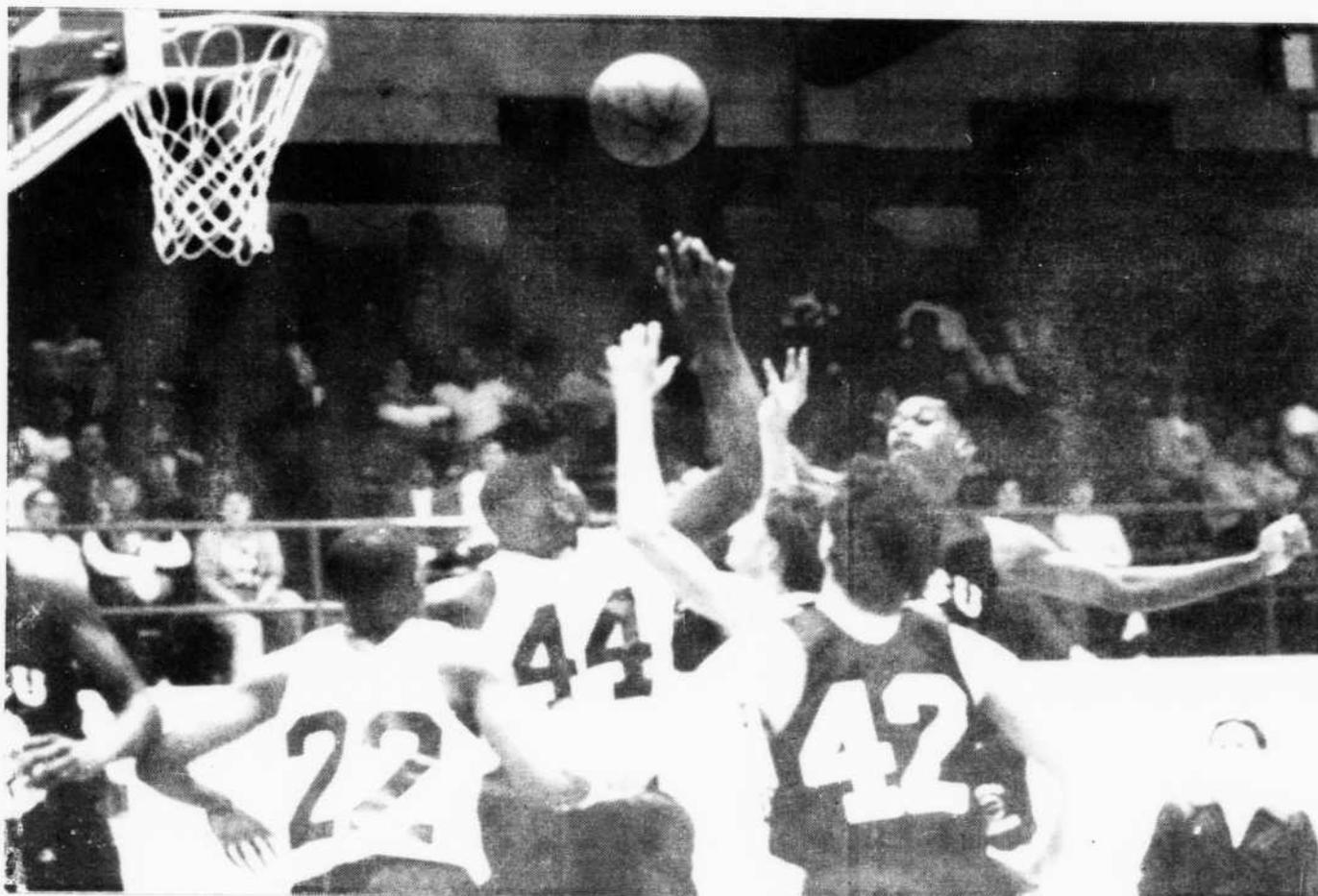
Athletic Director John Stanford (right) was victorious in the Alumni Golf tournament Friday as his team of Sonny Apple, David Apple and Bill Moore took first place honors.
Stanford also participated in the Alumni Baseball game going one for one at the plate.

The Old Timers got together Friday for the Annual Alumni baseball game at Reese-Smith Field. Jimmy Petty, (left) a graduate of 1986 pitched in the game. The game featured former railbird graduates from the 1930s through the 1980s.
The game ended in an 8-8 tie.



Frank Conley/Staff

Raiders entertain midnight crowd



Frank Conley•Staff

The Blue Raider's Basketball team opened their season with a midnight practice in the Alumni Gym.

By Staff Reports

It was Midnight Madness at the Alumni Gym last Saturday, as the Blue Raider basketball team held their first practice of the new season.

It was the beginning of a sports-filled Homecoming day.

Approximately 200 fans stayed up to watch the 12:01 a.m. practice.

The crowd got their first glimpse of the new squad, which is coached by Bruce Stewart, heading into his fifth season.

Stewart seemed to be pleased with the first practice.

"I think a lot of these guys were a little timid with their shooting," said Stewart. "But overall I think that it went well."

A big help this year will be the return of Kerry Hammonds who is back after a fractured foot which caused him to sit out last year.

Hammonds played with his foot taped and looked to

have recovered completely.

"He moved quite well," Stewart commented.

The Raiders are bearing down on their new season.

"We'll start our regular practice sessions, which is usually four days on and one off."

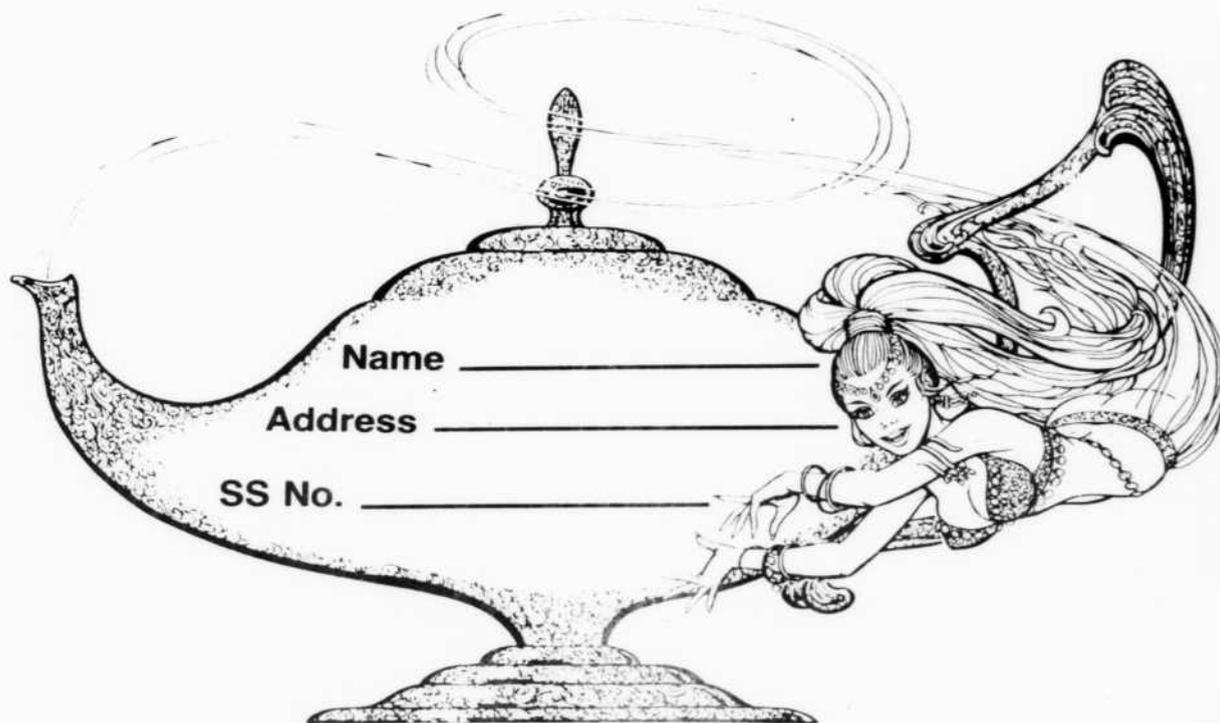
After finishing their first official practice at 12:30 a.m. Saturday, the Raiders hit the court again at 11 a.m.

MTSU has four starters returning from last year's team, which earned their way into the quarter-final of the National Invitational Tournament.

The returners include Chris Ramey, a senior guard, senior forward-center, Randy Henry, sophomore forward Leslie Gregory and junior guard, Gerald Harris.

The Blue Raiders were just one of many basketball teams across the country to get a quick start on the 1988-89 season.

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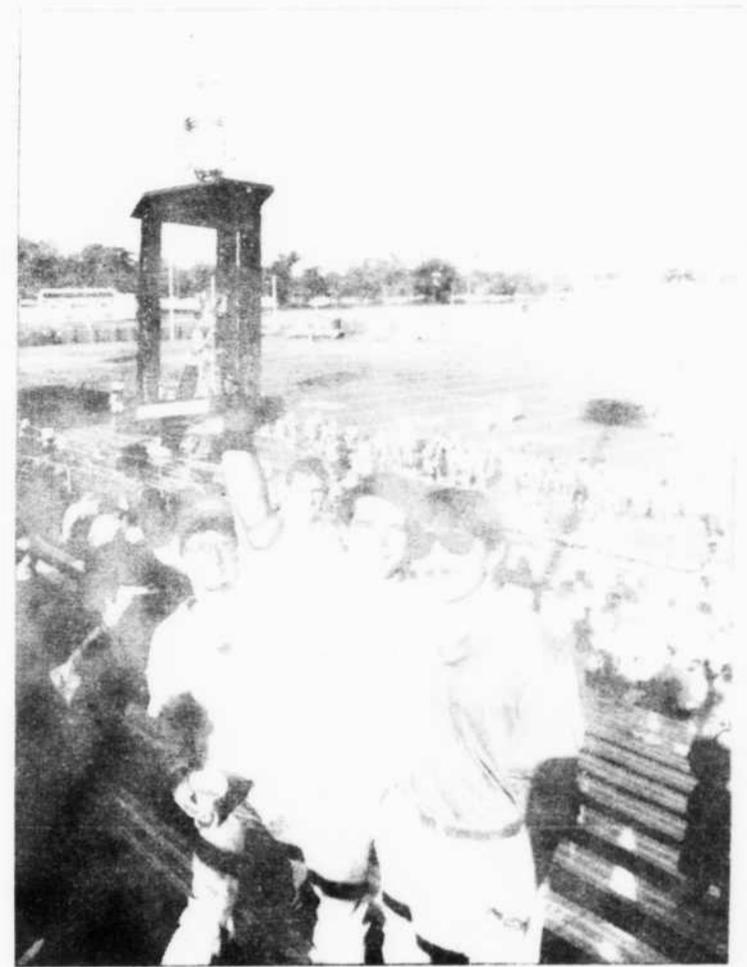
Michael Johnson•Staff

1988 Homecoming Queen Rita Stone walks to the center of the football field Saturday with escort Brian Carter. Stone, a senior, was sponsored by United Students Association.



Helen Comer•Staff

Stephanie Heath, representing Chi Omega, eats her way into second place Tuesday in the Sauerkraut Eating Contest, held during the Chili Cook-Off.



Michael Johnson•Staff

Eric Geren (center), Jim Gannaway (right) and Stevan Townsend (left) stayed late at Saturday's Homecoming to proudly show off the Kappa Sigma overall Spirit Award trophy.



Michael Johnson•Staff

Field Commander Dean Payne, of McGavock, leads the Band of Blue in a truly outstanding performance at half-time.

Jazz style lives on in "Blues Crusade"

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

Jazz awareness is increasing on campus and in the community, according to Rachel Falls, president of the MTSU "Blues Crusade."

What's the "Blues Crusade" you ask? It's the 20-piece MTSU jazz ensemble that enables students to gain school credit while gaining experience that prepares them for the professional music world.

Under the direction of Dr. John R. Duke, the "Blues Crusade" offers musical opportunities to students that otherwise would not be available.

Falls says that's the idea behind the group.

"The 'Blues Crusade' prepares students to reach for professional plateaus, Fall explains. "We play professional gigs for different events."

The "Blues Crusade" was founded in 1974 with the dedication of keeping the sound of the big-band/jazz sound alive. Through hard work and practice, the popularity of the group and big-band style grew.

This dedication led to the current name "Blues Crusade."

"In the seventies, the blues and jazz style of music took a downswing," Falls explains. "The name came from the group actually crusading for the blues music."

A unique aspect of the group is that while they play in a professional setting, the "Blues Crusade" is actually a one-hour class. Falls stresses that the class is open to any student of MTSU.

"We have not only music majors, but RIM and non-music majors," Fall explains.

see Jazz page 19



Michael Johnson/Staff

Members of the MTSU jazz ensemble "Blues Crusade" tune up during one of their rehearsals. The group is preparing for their fall semester concert and their concert tour.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The Rutherford County Democratic Party is sponsoring a political rally on the Murfreesboro city square today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Governor Ned McWherter will highlight the event which will include a free chili supper. This will be a chance for citizens to meet the Governor and Democratic candidates Andy Womack, Rep. John Bragg, Rep. Fred Hobbs, and Congressman Bart Gordon. The Governor will speak at 5:45 p.m.

The MTSU Honors Program is sponsoring a semester of lectures focusing on the topic, "Government as Big Brother." On Wednesday, October 19, the topic is "The Role of the State in the Provision of Mental Health Services." The lecture will be held in Peck Hall 107 at 3:30 p.m., and is free and open to the public.

"Blue Velvet" playing at K.U.C.

By DAVID DARK
Staff Writer

In trying to please the average audience within the mass of filmgoers, a movie-maker is faced with a dilemma.

"Should I compromise my art of expression in hopes of pleasing more people and making lots of money?"

By presenting the twisted, cinematic thriller, *Blue Velvet*, director David Lynch says "no".

Blue Velvet is perhaps the strangest movie ever made. The only possible exception would be *Eraserhead*, Lynch's first film. The coloring and the cinematography create moods that would make the entire movie like a surrealistic painting. The plot could be entitled, *The Corruption of Beaver Cleaver*.

The effect is both fun and hilarious.

The story takes place in the quaint town of Lumberton. The community's main

source of income is the log industry. The movie opens with a broadcast of the local radio station, "WOOD."

Young Jeffrey Beaumont, played by Kyle MacLachlan, is forced to return home from college to take care of the family business while his father recovers from a stroke.

Wallowing in his sorrow, Jeffrey wanders in an abandoned field and finds a rather strange object. It turns out to be a severed ear. The plot thickens.

The audience shares Jeffrey's obsessive curiosity concerning the ear. As any decent young man would do, Jeffrey notifies the police of the ear. After an examination, Jeffrey is asked to stay clear of the investigation. He doesn't.

With the help of the police chief's daughter Sandy, played by Laura Dern, he becomes involved in the investigation in which he comments, "It's so crazy, it just might work..."

The storyline becomes more intense with a motley cast that includes Dennis Hopper and Isabella Rossellini.

Hopper plays the most insidious role of his career as Frank, the perverted criminal mastermind who stands at the heart of the story. Rossellini is the helpless victim of Frank's insanity, and Jeffrey is the lone witness of these disturbing scenes. In his efforts to end the madness, Jeffrey becomes devoured by it and his innocence is forever adulterated.

Blue Velvet is not a pleasant movie. The easily offended will be horrified by Hopper's disturbing behavior and the promiscuity of Rossellini's character.

More so than almost any movie in recent years, *Blue Velvet* is provocative enough to make one remember it for years.

Blue Velvet is playing at the K.U.C. Cinema on Oct. 17 and 18.

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The group maintains its high level of professionalism by conducting auditions to determine who will enroll in Music 395, otherwise known as the "Blues Crusade".

Auditions for new members are held during registration and include a rigorous testing of sight-reading, playing major scales, rhythm sheets and improvisation.

The "Blues Crusade" big event each fall semester is their fall concert, which will be held this year on Nov. 17. The group will go "on tour" the two preceding

weeks to high schools across Tennessee. This tour, sponsored by the MTSU public relations department, gives jazz and the MTSU ensemble exposure to many younger students in the state.

The popularity of the "Blues Crusade" has spawned a second jazz group, aimed at a student less proficient in jazz style.

Falls credits increased awareness of jazz and a new movie as a reason for its popularity.

"Jazz interest is growing with the second ensemble and the new movie *The Bird*, about the life of Charlie Parker," she says.



Clint Eastwood, left, directs Forest Whitaker, right (Charlie Parker) and Sam Wright (Dizzy Gillespie) in a scene from "Bird," which depicts the life of Parker.

"Bird" shows life of jazz great

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

The life of jazz great Charlie Parker is chronicled in the new film directed by Clint Eastwood, *Bird*.

What you'll find here is more than a mere biography of a legend. Instead you'll be taken into the life of a man that struggled with drugs, alcohol and himself.

The result is a film honoring the man and the innovative style in which he made his music.

Eastwood, directing his thirteenth film, brought his adoration of Parker and the jazz music style to the silver

screen in this production.

It was a labor of love for Eastwood, who hired a musical supervisor to work with Forest Whitaker, the actor playing Parker, to insure that his physical presence on stage was being duplicated.

It is details such as these that make *Bird* an authentic biography of not only Parker, but the "jazz age" of the 1940's.

Sam Wright portrays

trumpet player Dizzy Gillespie, who helped Parker form the "Be-Bop" style of jazz.

Gillespie's life provides contrast with Parker, as he is organized and responsible. He admonishes the "Bird" for his out-of-control lifestyle.

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"Antigone" at Tucker Theatre, modern version of classic tragedy

By AMANDA CANTRELL
Staff Writer

A cast of twelve MTSU actors and actresses performed *Antigone* at Tucker Theatre last week.

This version of the play was enacted in a form similar to that of the Reader's Theatre — there were no props other than chairs, there was no scenery, and the performers remained on stage for the entire play.

Unlike Reader's Theatre, however, the performers did not read from scripts; they fully played their roles. Also, instead of facing each other during dialogue, they directly faced the audience, creating an intimate relationship between the audience and the characters in the play.

Anouilh's *Antigone* not only was performed in a modern form, it also contained modern dialogue and content. I wonder what Sophocles would think about Polynices (Antigone's brother) being described as a cigarette-smoking gambler.

As for the content, Anouilh used comedy, though at times it seemed a bit out of place, to break the tension of this two and one-half hour tragedy.

Even though this was a modern version of *Antigone*, it lost none of the drama of Sophocles' classic version. The passion of the performers was not bridled by their use of modern dialogue.

Creon, played by John Lennon, and Antigone, played by Gina Brandon, are to be commended for their excellent performances, which never quite crossed that fine line between being life-like and overdramatic.

Indeed, all of the performers did a fine job. The solemn figures on stage in half-silhouette needed no scenery nor elaborate costumes to bring life to this play.

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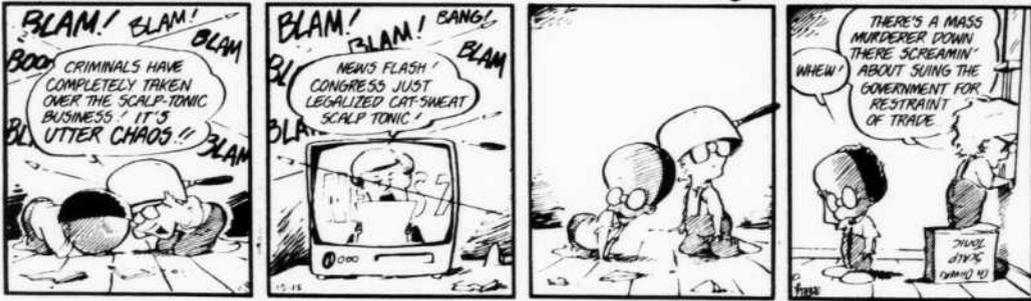
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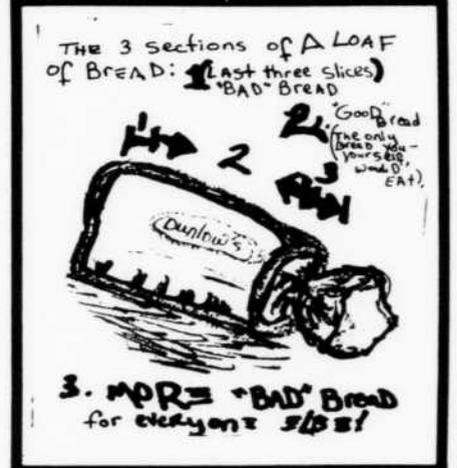


PERRY'S VIEW

by Wade Perry



Comix by Gary Dunlow



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Crossword Companion

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- ACROSS
- Southern state (abbr.)
 - Prosecuting officer (abbr.)
 - Helped
 - Outdoors person
 - Slanted type
 - Division of the psyche
 - Scornful expression
 - Short note
 - Change color
 - Click
 - Amer. volunteer organization (abbr.)
 - Violation of allegiance
 - Hot beverage
 - Small rodents
 - Snare
 - Type of army discharge (abbr.)
 - Public notice (short form)
 - Also
 - Prepare golf ball
 - Southern state (abbr.)
 - Chem. abbr. for certium
 - Cat sound
 - Stalk of plant
 - Dine
 - Fill with life
 - Edward's nickname
 - At another time
 - Mischievous child
 - Moisture from eye
 - Subject
 - Either
 - Seed used for oil
 - Get away
 - Puzzle
 - Kept hidden
- DOWN
- Sharp
 - Woman
 - Be
 - Close; compact
 - Area for combat
 - Aircraft area
 - Indefinite pronoun
 - Wet
 - Vote into office
 - Pale
 - Post script
 - Company (abbr.)
 - Direction
 - And so on
 - 500 sheets of paper
 - No. (Scot.)
 - Rim
 - First man
 - Chemical deterrent
 - Thought
 - Bothersome person
 - Edu. Group (abbr.)
 - Gives
 - Excessive drinker of wine
 - Prepare golf ball
 - Annoy
 - Cash
 - Positively charged electrode
 - Dull
 - Easy gait
 - Worry
 - Tensile strength (Physics, abbr.)
 - Ever (Poetic)
 - Roman 300
 - 12th Gr. letter
 - Symbol for argon

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